

LOCATION: **WASHINGTON, DC**

REPORT(S): **Audit of the Anacostia River Clean up and Protection Fund (2014)**

Fiscal Impact Statement of the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act 2009 (2009)

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Passed: 2009 / Implemented: 2010
Ordinance No. : B18-150 2009

PLASTIC SUMMARY:

- 5-cent fee
- 100% Recyclable
- Include labeling: "Please Recycle this Bag"

PAPER SUMMARY:

- 5-cent fee
- Paper bags must contain recycled content
- 100% recyclable
- Include labeling: "Please Recycle this Bag"

ORDINANCE ASSESSMENT

KEY FINDINGS:

- Revenue collected from bag tax has increased every year since the ordinance passed in 2010¹ – meaning the tax on carryout bags has not changed consumer behavior. (pg.4)
- Based on revenue collected, carryout bag use in the District increased by 25% between 2010 and 2013. ¹(pg.4, Fig. 2)
- Yet, DC claims to have reduced carryout bag use by 88.8%. (pg.4) The Office of the Chief Financial Officer estimates that 270 million bags were distributed in DC in 2009². In the first year of the ordinance (2010) DC collected \$1.5 million in bag taxes (equivalent to 30 million bags)¹
- This reduction is qualified by the DC Office of the Chief Financial Officer who states "There is no reliable data on the number of disposable bags used in the District annually."²

RESOURCES

¹Office of the District of Columbia Auditor. *Audit Of The Anacostia River Clean Up And Protection Fund*. Washington, DC: Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, 2014.

² Government of the District of Columbia,. *Fiscal Impact Statement - "Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009" Bill No. 18-150*. Washington, DC: Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 2009. Memo.

Washington, DC Carryout Bag Ordinance: [LINK TO ORDINANCE](#)

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